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regard to robberies and thefts, the Police refused to accept them as they said the Vyasarpadi station alone had jurisdiction and not Sembiam Police station."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will ask the Commissioner of Police whether the facts as stated are correct."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know why Government could not get the full information in view of the fact that the question was given notice of some time back and as there is a specific complaint therein? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The answer is as full as we can obtain from the officers concerned."

" 'Harleys' Bildaword " Prize Competition.

* 190 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to notices regarding " Harley's Bildaword " Prize Competition; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to take early steps to put a stop to this new form of gambling?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) The Government are enquiring into the matter."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I hand over a copy of the notice regarding ' Harley's Bildaword ' to the Hon. Minister? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" You need not tell me; you can hand it over."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" Even outside the House you can hand it over."

(The copy of the notice was handed over to the Hon. Minister.)

Selling price of rice in a ration shop at Poonamallee.

* 191 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 25th October 1947 the Taluk Supply Officer and Firka Supply Officer, Poonamallee, visited No. 6 ration shop in Poonamallee Cantonment and found that the rice was sold at Re. 0–8–0 per measure instead of at Re. 0–7–5;

(b) what action was taken in the matter;

(c) whether the Government are aware that similar black-marketing is going on in several ration shops; and

(d) whether the Government propose to take drastic action in this case?